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SUBJ: QATTARA DEPRESSION FEASIBILITY STUDY

REF: STATE 218728, CAIRO 8689

1. RECENT LOCAL PRESS REPORTS ORIGINATED BY QATTARA DEPRESSION BOARD INDICATE THAT FRG HAS APPROVED EGYPTIAN REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR QATTARA DEPRESSION STUDY AND THAT TOTAL NOW AVAILABLE TO GOE IS DM 30 MILLION. WE CHECKED THESE PRESS REPORTS WITH MAHER ABAZA, UNDERSECRETARY, MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY, WHO COORDINATES QATTARA DEPRESSION PROJECT ARRANGEMENTS FOR GOE.

2. ABAZA SAID THAT PRESS REPORTS ARE ERRONEOUS. ACCORDING ABAZA, EGYPTIANS RECENTLY MADE REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL DM 19 MILLION TO COMPLETE STUDY. GOE CLAIMS THAT ORIGINAL DM 11 MILLION ALLOCATED IS NOT SUFFICIENT AND AMOUNT NEEDED IS CLOSER TO DM 30 MILLION. ABAZA SAID THAT WHILE FRG "TECHNICAL LEVEL" HAS AGREED TO THIS REQUEST, IT HAS BEEN REFERRED TO HIGHER LEVELS WITHIN FRG. SUBJECT WILL BE DISCUSSED AND HOPEFULLY APPROVED
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AT NEXT MEETING OF GERMAN/EGYPTIAN JOINT

COMMISSION, WHICH ABAZA STATED IS SCHEDULED FOR
OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER.

3. IN ONLY PARTIALLY HUMOROUS ASIDE, ABAZA COMMENTED
FACT THAT GERMANS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO FUND FEASIBILITY
STUDY NEED NOT HINDER ANY OTHER DONORS FROM OFFERING
FUNDS FOR COMPETITION OF STUDY IF THEY WISH.
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